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1. GIANT NAIL PHOTOGRAPHY OF 29 FEBRUARY 1971 SHOWS THAT A MOTORABLE ROUTE CONNECTING ROUTE 110A IN SOUTHERN LAOS WITH ROUTE 13AA IN NORTHEAST CAMBODIA HAS BEEN OPENED AND IS IN USE. THE ROUTE FROM THE LAOS-CAMBODIA BORDER (XB670132) FOLLOWS OR CLOSELY PARALLELS THE ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 97 AS DEPICTED ON EXISTING 1:500000 MAP SHEETS TO A PROBABLE FERRY CROSSING ON THE TONLE KONG LOCATED 5.7 NM NORTH OF SIEMPHANG (XA503610) AT XA486711. THE ROUTE EXTENDS SOUTH FROM THE TONLE KONG AT XA434709 ALONG A RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED ROAD PASSING THROUGH XA481727, XA483702, XA487700, XA493687, XA482678, XA484665, XA479661, XA486647, XA457607, CROSSING ROUTE 194 AT XA465603, THEN THROUGH XA457594, XA456579, TO XA441563. IT THEN EXTENDS GENERALLY WEST CROSSING ROUTE 136 (RTE 113) AT XA375543 TO XA355533, THEN SOUTH, AGAIN CROSSING ROUTE 136 (RTE 113) AT XA352519 TO XA361501 WHERE IT JOINS AN OLD ROAD TRACE. THE ROAD THEN EXTENDS SOUTHWEST ON THE OLD ROAD TRACE PASSING THROUGH XA355497, XA352488, XA345437, XA324466, XA307462, XA293442, XA273438, XA266423, XA267416, XA245406, XA241396 INTERSECTING ROUTE 13AA AT XA226362. THE ENTIRE ROUTE SHOWS EVIDENCE OF WHEELED VEHICLE ACTIVITY. THREE SEGMENTS OF ROADBED CLEARING ACTIVITY PARALLING THE ACTIVATED ROAD TRACE ARE OBSERVED FROM XA265412 TO XA276428, XA291435 TO XA296437, AND XA307442 TO XA332451.

2. NEW ROADBED CLEARING ACTIVITY IS NOTED EXTENDING EAST AND SOUTH FROM THE MOTORABLE LIMIT OF ROUTE 97 LOCATED NORTHEAST OF SIEMPHANG AT XA532704. THREE SEGMENTS ARE OBSERVED AS FOLLOWS: FROM XA535704 EAST THROUGH XA544702, XA552705, TO XA561703; AND FROM XA580698 GENERALLY SOUTH THROUGH XA558692, XA589659, TO XA578649; AND SOUTHWEST FROM XA566643, THROUGH XA561638 TO XA562632.

3. A RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED ROAD LOCATED NORTH OF STUNG TRENG (XA255957) BETWEEN THE MEKONG AND ROUTE 13 AABD IS NOW IN USE. CONSTRUCTION ON THE ROAD WAS FIRST OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY

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AND ON [REDACTED], THE ROUTE HAS BEEN WIDENED AND ON [REDACTED] IT WAS SUSTAINING LIGHT TRAFFIC BY WHEELED VEHICLES. THE ROUTE INTERSECTS AN UNNUMBERED EAST-WEST ROUTE AT XA172312 AND EXTENDS GENERALLY SOUTH THROUGH XA150292, XA130283, XA110272, XA111263, XA102257, XA121206, XA130107, AND INTERSECTING ROUTE 13BB AT XA175141. A SPUR ROAD THAT IS NEW SINCE [REDACTED] EXTENDS WEST FROM XA110264 TO A POINT NEAR THE MEKONG AT XA059255. THE [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS THIS ROAD IS ALSO SUSTAINING LIGHT TRAFFIC BY WHEELED VEHICLES.

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MAP REFERENCES

AMS 1:500000 SERIES L7016, SHEETS 6136 I; 6236 III, IV, 6237 I, II, III; 6238 II AND 6338 III

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